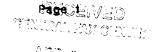
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This Amendment responds to the Restriction Requirement dated March 15, 2005. Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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